THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (f) The proposal was deffered by FIPB at its meeting held on September 30, 1995. However, it was subsequently approved.

Setting up of FPIs in private and public sector in Bihar

524. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals under Government's consideration for setting up of food processing industries in private and public sectors in Bihar; and

(b) the action being taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) and (b) One project proposal for expansion and modernisation of a fruit and vegetable processing unit at Hazipur, District: Vaishali has been received from a private sector company, for grant of financial assistance under the Plan Scheme of the Ministry for providing assistance for setting up/expansion/ modernisation of food processing units.

The proposal envisages investment of Rs. 153.18 lakhs for expansion of processing capacity from 542.50 MT to 4170 MT, as well as creation of additional facilities for packaging and upgradation of technology.

Action for scrutinising the proposal has already been initiated in this regard.

Industrial growth Centres

525. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial growth centres proposed to be set up under the new Growth Centre Scheme in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total funds allocated and released to each of these growth centres in the States; and

(c) by when these growth centres will be made functional?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) 71 Growth Centres spread over the country are proposed to be developed under the new Growth Centre Scheme (list is at statement *see* below)

(b) and (c) Each of the 71 centres would be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 25-30 crores out of which the share of the Central Government is limited to Rs. 10 crores only and the balance of funds are to be provided by the respective State Governments. Till date an amount of Rs. 241.55 crores has been released as a part of Central assistance to the Growth Centres. Implementation part of these Growth Centres is the responsibility of the respective State Governments.

List of growth centres
&
Central assistance released

Sl. No.	Name of the Growth Centre	Central assistance released (Rs. in lakhs)
	ANDHRA PRADESH	
1.	Hindupur (Anantapur)	200
2.	Khammam (Khammam)	50
3.	Ongole (Prakasam)	450
4.	Vizianagaram-Bobbili (vizianagaram)	440
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	
5.	Niklok Ngorlung (East Siang)	50
	ASSAM	
6.	Chariduar (Sonitpur)	50
7.	Matia (Goalpara)	50
8.	Sonapur (Kamrup)	—